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One thing’s for sure, it is impossible for someone to define right and wrong because it tends to be very hard to differentiate. Although most of the times it all depends on what one has been taught to believe. When thinking about a topic like this one must think about the many factors that influence a person’s daily life such as religious morals and values, environmental and personal influences, society, role models, etc. For example, somebody might believe that stealing to provide for their family is acceptable, but on the other hand someone else is aware that stealing should never be done in the first place, no matter how bad a situation might be because deep inside they think that it is an incorrect way to go. As with the given example, what one person may think is wrong, may be right to another person. The morals of right and wrong are human values. We only need to rely upon ourselves for what we believe to be right or wrong. Today we make our decisions according to what society considers is right or wrong and what we were raised to believe. In general, society believes lying can be wrong in most situations, but not necessarily in every situation. The truth of the matter is, is that a lie is just a lie, period. Someone might argue that some lies are bigger than others, but a lie is a lie, no matter how “big” or “small” one may think it is. We were raised to learn these beliefs from our parents, school, society, and even from our own common sense. For instance, if a child lies to their parents and isn’t punished, then the child would most likely repeat their actions not being aware that what they have been doing is wrong. It is easier for people to accept the wrong doing of a child because not only are they young, but they have not yet fallen into those situations where they must choose what is right or wrong for themselves. It’s not so much about what is considered right or wrong, it’s mostly about morals and ethics. Morals define an individual’s personal character or the ability to choose between what is right and wrong, as to ethics which are a social arrangement where an individual’s morals should be applied. Ethics are defined by the rules of behaviors that are expected by a certain group of people. This could be national ethics, social ethics, company ethics, professional ethics, family ethics, etc. In society, everyone has some kind of conflict with ethics and morals. People are always exposed to what is “right” and what is “wrong” based on what they are told, what society tells them, and what religion tells them. Above all, we all go through some kind of borderline of what is considered “right” and “wrong.” Even though we all share the same beliefs, we practice them in a whole new different way.

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